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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yukio NISHIMURA, et al.

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EXAMINER: Rosemary E. Ashton

FILING DATE: June 7, 2001

FOR: RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated September 17, 2002, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A radiation-sensitive resin composition comprising:

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(A) an acid-dissociable group-containing resin which is insoluble or scarcely soluble in alkali and becomes alkali soluble when the acid-dissociable group dissociates, the resin comprising a lactone cyclic structure of the following formula (1),

